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S. 3605

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 17, 2024

Mr. PADILLA (for himself, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. SCHATZ, and Ms. HIRONO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Emergency Vehicle and
5 Community Planning Act” or the “EVAC Planning Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EVACUATION ROUTE PLANNING.**

7 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
8 of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation, in consulta-
9 tion with the Administrator of the Federal Highway Ad-

1 ministration and the Administrator of the Federal Emer-
2 gency Management Agency, shall develop and publicly dis-
3 seminate guidelines and best practices for States, terri-
4 tories, Indian Tribes, and units of local government to use
5 when conducting transportation infrastructure planning to
6 ensure necessary considerations for local evacuation route
7 planning, including the routing of emergency response
8 supplies, equipment, and workers, as part of natural dis-
9 aster preparedness efforts.

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